

MAINE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA RESULTS

Please read the sampling instructions on the back of this form. Sample Collector must fill out shaded sections.
For small water systems taking less than 10 samples per month.

Water Test Results for the Month:

Year:

Public Water System Information	
System's Name:	
Sampler's phone #:	
PWSID#:	
Address:	
Sample Category (1):	
Sampler's name:	

Laboratory Information	
Lab name:	
Lab Certification:	
Lab Mgr. Name:	
Lab Phone #:	

Sample Received by

Lab (Date/Time): _____ By: _____

#	Sample Collection Point	Date & Time Sample Taken	Laboratory Sample ID#	Date & Time Sample was Processed	Total Coliform Count	Noncoliform Count (Mem. Filtration only)	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli (2)	EPA/STD Method
1								
2								
3								
4								

I (we) understand this report will be submitted to the Maine Drinking Water Program.

Sampler's Signature:

Laboratory Signature:

(1) Routine Compliance, Recheck, Operations & Maintenance, Raw Water, or Special Purpose.

(2) Fecal Coliform or E. Coli analysis must be performed on all Coliform positive samples.

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS
FOR COLLECTING BACTERIA COMPLIANCE WATER SAMPLES

1. Collect the sample at the location you indicated on your 'bacteria sampling site plan' that you submitted to the Maine Drinking Water Program office. The sample site should be representative of the water quality in the system. **DO NOT COLLECT ANY ROUTINE COMPLIANCE SAMPLES AT THE SOURCE UNLESS IT IS THE ONLY POINT WHERE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO THE WATER (i.e. handpump).**
2. The sample bottle(s) may contain a small amount of liquid or powder. DO NOT RINSE THIS OUT! This substance inactivates any chlorine in the water sample.
3. Keep the sample bottle closed until it is to be filled. Be careful not to touch the inside of the bottle or cap. Do not lay the cap down or put it in your pocket. If you think you may have contaminated the sample or bottle, do not submit the sample. Get a new kit from the lab.
4. Remove any screens, hoses, or aerators from the tap. If the tap appears to need any cleaning, rinse (dip the end of the faucet) with a small amount of bleach prior to running the water. Open the tap and allow the COLD water to run to waste for 5 minutes. Reduce the water flow to the rate that you will collect the sample (about a pencil width flow) and run the water an additional minute.
5. Uncap the bottle and fill it without overfilling or splashing water in the bottle. Fill the bottle to the shoulder (or level indicated by the lab that issued the bottle). Leave at least half an inch of air space. Recap the bottle. Turn off the water.
6. Fill in all the grayed-in areas on the form and return the bottle with the paperwork to the lab. The sample must be received at the lab within 30 hours from the time you collected the sample.